

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Allen Carl, et al. EXAMINER: David C. Comstock
U.S.S.N.: 10/601,014 GROUP: 3733
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FOR: SYSTEMS, METHODS, DEVICES AND DEVICE KITS FOR FIXATION OF BONES AND SPINAL VERTEBRAE (AS-AMENDED)

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FURTHER RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE

Sir:

The following is a further response and amendment to the Response dated June 5, 2008 and to the Final Office Action mailed February 7, 2008, in the above referenced application, which further response and amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

A further petition also has been filed herewith requesting a three (3) month extension of time to August 7, 2008, to respond to the above referenced Office Action. In the event such a petition is lost or not found, then Applicants also respectfully request, as indicated below, to please charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105** for the required fee for the additional two month of extension.

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.